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### Central Valley Leader to Guide Girl Scouts Board

**Sacramento, Calif.; May 4, 2009** – Catherine Cardoza Conner of Modesto, 36, was recently elected as board chair of the Girl Scouts Heart of Central California board of directors.

Conner is managing partner of the Cardoza Family Partnership L.P. and president / CEO of the Cardoza Foundation. She is an active member of numerous local and regional boards and committees such as the Sutter Gould Medical Foundation, Salvation Army, St. Vincent de Paul Ministry, Stanislaus Community Foundation, Center for Human Services and Omega Nu. Conner is also an advisory board member of the University of Pacific's Institute for Family business. She holds an agricultural business degree from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo where she also serves on the Athletic Director's Council.

Conner said: "Being involved with the Girl Scout movement has been a wonderful journey, and I look forward to continuing my service with Girl Scouts. We like to say 'Girl Scouts moves at the speed of girls.'" We are constantly evolving and changing our programs and activities to meet the needs and demands of young girls today, while maintaining our mission of building courage, confidence and character to make the world a better place."

"Catherine has been a supporter of Girl Scouts for years, said Pam Saltenberger, CEO of Girl Scouts Heart of Central California. "As our board chair, she brings amazing enthusiasm and intellect to a dynamic involved community board. On top of everything, she is fun to work with and has great vision for the future."

Founded in 1912, Girl Scouts is still the leading authority on girls' healthy development, and builds girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place. The local council, Girl Scouts Heart of Central California is headquartered in Rancho Cordova and serves nearly 29,000 girls in 18 counties\* in Central California. For more information, visit [www.girlscoutshcc.org](http://www.girlscoutshcc.org).

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